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My dear Mag.-

It seems rather desirable that you be made aware at head quarters, of how the elements are moving on this side the water. My mind was decided to return to America in October. But there are some reasons for remaining, that have recently appeared, of a rather serious character.

You doubtless know of Miss Julia Griffith's visit to this country - and more about the object of that visit, than we do here. She

has brought the Proof Sheets of Douglass's Narrative, and is to publish an Edition here, with an Introduction by Dr. Campbell, or some other equally influential person who will write it. The Empire as you will see, has already taken up the Matter, & hailed & heralded the book as though it were a new Revelation, on which depended the salvation of Israel. And this is admirable; for no one has as yet, had seen the book, so as to judge of its character. If the latter part of it, is to be in the spirit of Douglass' so often delivered late ~~[illegible]~~ oration, a large Edition of which has been pub

lished by our enemies here & industriously circulated
Glasgow, it surely will not
deserve, & will not receive
approval of any friend of
or of the Slave. But the
Empire is advance, has given
it a puff, worthy of Barnum
& his "woolly Horses."

The same paper has
an article on "Lunatic Reform"
in which Thompson says
the Carolina Slave is far
better off than the poor of
Britain!! I sent a Circ-
ular to the Empire or the
Boston Bazaar. It was divided
and the first half was published
& inserted as an Editorial. The
next week, or week after, the
other half was published with

my name. But there was a focus
note to atone for my name, coun-
selling the ~~[illegible]~~ abolitionists of
the country, to go up to New Broad
Street, & ask the "Sec retary of the
Brit. & For. A. S. Soiety," what colour
men are worthy of Charity & coun-
tenance. The purloined part of the
article is on the first page of
the Liberator which came this
week. By its side, is another
from the Empire also, extolling
the Editor of that paper, in man-
ner, I fear, more <u>merited</u> by himself
<u>merited</u>, altogether.

The New Broad Street Op-
<u>posist</u>, has espoused the
Rochester Bazaar cause, with
apparent good will. Russell Lor-
ing & a few others, are setting

of its Machinery, wherever there is a drop of water to turn the wheels. The Empire or New Broad Street are on the best of terms, and Julia Griffiths has no difficulty in getting access to both. What is my reaction at their hands, you will know. The poor Advocate too is altogether alien to both.

There is a Dr. Willis in Toronto who went from Glasgow. Mrs. Willis is now here, and sent a letter the other day to Miss Paton, announcing the coming of Julia Griffiths, and strongly recommending her to favor & friendship. Probably she will write similar letters to other parts of Scotland, where she may be known.

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Thou of the Dunglass design
have not yet come to my
knowledge. But these and
a few other things to which
I will allude, have almost
changed my mind about so
soon retiring from this field.
Dr. Nichol strongly advocates
my longer stay - so would Miss
Eptin; & others I have seen; on
of that like me, they think two
years is a long time to be
separated from one's family.
I have written to Mrs. Chapman
on the subject & hope to have
a return before mailing this
letter. These doubts & dilem-
mas are now among the
saddest part of my experience.
We dont can to make open work with
any one yet - & so I hardly know what to do.

In Manchester there is still a conflict - I am sure that last year's Meeting of the First of August, was a most wicked affair - It almost broke down the poor ladies Bazaar Committee with its enormous debt, the contracting of which was wholly without their consent or knowledge - Some Men & Ministers, nearly bankrupt, many of them in little Money character or Credit proposed to unite with these ladies in an Arts & Lang association, under the constitution of the latter. The Union was consummated - but the first measure of the he Element

was to attempt to cast the name
& all mention of the American
Antislavery Society, out of the Con-
stitution. This was resisted
successfully last year - but the
debt of a hundred & ten pounds
was contracted, & the last half
of it, the ladies had to pay afterwards.

This year, the change in the
constitution, was effected. The
Secretary was a Rev. Wm Stokes,
a cunning, crafty fellow, and &
an. sure, a tool of Sturge & Jurne.
He gravely said if the name & mention
of the Am. Society were abandoned,
the Constitution would be acceptable
to those two men, & others like them
and that he could get money
from quarters where it would
be withheld, if friendship with the

American society was proposed. The movement prevailed. Then they invited me to give an hte many address on the evening of the First of August. Of course this was promptly declined, on the ground of the new position of the Society. This brought the whole question up again. Another meeting was called the Abs rallied & reinstated us as before, only that now they give us a double mention in their Constitution, and almost limit their action to cooperation with us. Then I was invited again to address the Society on the First. We had a small but good meeting, & found the Secretary & his friends

how unimportant her services - Stokes resigned his office when he found he could not control - though there is now an attempt at reconciliation. The ladies however will stand by the divorce, and let the poor Mormons keep out of country if they can.

Stokes was an insulting fellow to the ladies, while he held his office. He would ignore their existence almost, certainly their presence, in his of proceedings - A splendid lady sec- onded the resolution in the Society, on Mr. Esther's death - He recorded it as seconded by a Minister pres- ent, and so it has gone over this country & America - No one doubts but what it was done purposely - Now is this a solitary instance of dishonesty.

ladies are a majority, mentally, morally, practically, & every way, but this is the way they were treated after their union — Hereafter they will con-
duct their own affairs, and if the masculinity wish to please
Aunt Tabitha, Mrs. Julia, or
London Empire, they will
pay the honors & expense for
doing it as widowers &
bachelors.

The war in the East is at
present the engrossing subject
that it is difficult to make little
Nancy heard. My efforts must
have respect to the Doctor Ba-
zar, and seem not to be with
out hopeful results. I hold some
meetings but they are small com-

fortunately, thought always resulting
in at least a little good. Not tha
my new friends are added to u
requires much effort to please
the few we have, in the midst
so many temptations.

On the whole, it seemed
me best to return to my flock
until these hate developments
But now I think, should the f
of Douglass, the twaddle of Wm
Channing, the sinuo
Empire, and the glor
of the country, all be found ac
against us, as seems now like
happen, indeed, as it is already seen,
it might be deserting the post
of duty, to abandon this field
at present. So I have decided to
remain at least another month, for
making my decision - In doing

this, I hope to have the approval of my friends in America, as much as the case, with those here, most worthy to give counsel.

You see we make as yet no attacks upon any one. This is the course strongly recommended by all here, who cooperate with us in America. It may become necessary, but does not appear to be so yet.

As to Channing, he is here at at home - and so of no consequence for good, any where. But when he defended Dr. Jennett in a large body of Unitarian Ministers, and represented him as on the way towards a genuine Abolitionist, & would not allow the last

verbal censure of him by so true a man as Mr. Carpenter of Wellington it seemed to me time to interpose. My article had to be mild & concise or it would not have been accepted. As it was, it has done good. I trust you saw it in the London Examiner.

In a word, you can see what I am driving, by the advocates, & this letter. My mission is two-fold — to labor directly, as much as health and other circumstances will allow — & secondly, to watch the motions of the enemy, and be ready to act as occasions may require. I would much rather return home; but just at present there seem pretty good reasons for remaining a little longer.

some of our friends here grow
disheartened at times, and
almost despair of any good
from all our efforts. This
is more true in Ireland
than elsewhere - Even Mr.
Webb doubts very much
whether my labors are of ~~much~~ any
value. But he is in Ireland
and among the Irish people
who are different, & in differ
ent conditions from England
or Scotland. Mr. Webb of all
others, is the man to have
charge of the Advocate - But it
would be better for it, on ev
ery account, were its location
more central, & in the midst
too, of the events & circumstan
ces of which it is to take cognizance.

Every thing done, is done in any place rather than Ireland; then it must be sent to Ireland to be published, & brought back again, to be read. I cannot get inserted ~~anywhere~~, or recognized in any place on all that Island, excepting Dublin & Belfast. And but for the Wills & Neills, even those two places would also be as dead to us, as Tyre & Sidon. The Advocate is as good as it can possibly be, where it now is — but it has not the readers it deserves; nor dont it contain the local matters & incidents that would naturally flow into its column were it now in the midst of the mere experiences & agitations and no other materials, could give it on any paper, so much interest,

or make it as effective, with the British people. Mr & Miss Estlin have furnished much of the matter that has been most useful in its columns. And there needs that this supply be continued now, from some other source. And the source is yet to be discovered.

I am writing this, at the suggestion of others, who feel these necessities more than I or any stranger can. To me the Advocate has ever seemed the very thing wanted - And I was not aware until recently, how unfortunate these considerations are to our British friends. It has been intimated to me that

to assist Mr. Webb in his Editorial labors, would be a most useful occupation of my time. Should I remain here during the coming winter, and that this was one important reason which might be urged for my stay. It is a question I am very willing should be decided by others who have thrown themselves so long on friends, and so worthy to be so.

Should I remain another months longer on this side the water, I hope to be usefully employed in some way or other. My brain will not let me labor at it in times past. Head aches have been my companion since my earliest recollection. It is so still. Too much effort, or that

cold, or any irregularity, is
able to invite it. & it is most
desirable company by day
or night. My friends here
give me credit for being
adventurous; but I am
not as I once was, nor as
I could wish to be now. No one
believes, even wholly recovers
from the shocks of an
attack, such as was mine at
Antietam.

Your letters are always
repls of good things to me.
You cannot write me half
so often as I should like. And
probably you feel a difficulty
at such a distance in giving
me the counsels you would,
& which would be so useful to me.

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But I need not trouble you longer. It is most cheering to witness the grandeur of your movements in America at the present time. That was a capital speech by Mr. Phillips on the First of August. On Sabbath P. Chase at Dartmouth he was super excellent. Also on Abolitionists attending our places of worship. The Old Herald of Freedom will tell how faithfully Stephen Foster & myself proclaimed the doctrine in New Hampshire, twelve years ago.

With a brother's love to all who hold me in such a relation about the office, I subscribe with fraternal regards to your family.

Ever & always
Most truly yours
Parker Pillsbury

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